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SUBJECT:MAURITANIAN MISSION TO BUENOS AIRES TO PURCHASE PUCARA AIRCRA
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REF: (A) DAO PARIS 111144Z , JAN 78, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 039

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (B) MAURITANIAN ACQUISITION OF THE
ARGENTINE 1A-58 PUCARA AIRCRAFT IS STILL IN THE NEGOTIATION-FOR-
PROCUREMENT STAGE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PLAN IS TO OBTAIN
IMMEDIATE (WITHIN SIX WEEKS) DELIVERY OF TWO AIRCRAFT, FOLLOWED
BY ONE A MONTH UP TO A TOTAL OF EITHER SIX OR EIGHT DEPENDING
UPON FINAL PRICE.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH HAD INITIALLY SUGGESTED THIRD
COUNTRY FRANCOPHONE PILOTS BUT THAT PRESIDENT OUL DADDAH IS
INSISTING UPON FRENCH CITIZEN PILOTS. IT IS NO SECRET HERE THAT
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A RETIRED FRENCH AIRFORCE OFFICER HAS BEEN FLYING FOR MAURITANIAN
AIR FORCE FOR SOME TIME. ANOTHER FRENCHPILOT BEING RELEASED
FROM CONTRACT WITH AIR MAURITANIA HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO FLY
FOR THE MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE. WE ALSO TOLD THAT LT.COL.
KADAR CHIEF OF MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE, INSISTS THAT HE CAN
MAN PUCARAS WITH QUALIFIED MAURITANIAN PILOTS WITHIN MATTER OF
WEEKS AFTER FIRST DELIVERY. WE TEND TO AGREE.

3. ASSUME THAT FRANCE WILL PROVIDE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.

4. FOR EMB AND DAO BUENOS AIRES: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT MAURITANIAN
PROCUREMENT MISSION ACTUALLY ARRIVED BUENOS AIRES. IF SO, CAN
YOU PROVIDE SITREP. FYI LEADER OF MISSION, MAURITANIAN
AMBASSADOR TO US, NASSIM KOCHMAN IS NATURALIZED MAURITANIAN CITIZEN,
BORN IN SENEGAL OF LEBANESE ORIGIN. HE IS FORMER WORLD BANK
OFFICIAL AND HAS LIVED IN WASHINGTON FOR PAST SIXTEEN YEARS. HIS
LIFE STYLE IS AMERICAN. HE HAS ENGAGING OSTENSIBLY OPEN
PERSONALITY. IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE US IF HE CONTACTED YOU. DEAL
WITH HIM CORDIALLY AND COURTEOUSLY BUT CAREFULLY. END FYI.

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